

The CHAIRMAN: Does that carry?

Carried.

- (a) in the case of a person described in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section, the period of his service in the Canadian Forces, prior to the 1st day of November, 1953, under the terms of his enrolment for service in the special force;

Carried.

Mr. GREEN: Would the deputy minister explain why the date of November 1, 1953 is used?

The WITNESS: That date that terminated the period under which benefits could be accumulated in the theatre of operations was the 31st of October, 1953, and I am informed that for legal reasons this 1st November date was put in the Act, if that answers Mr. Green's question.

Mr. GREEN: That is, there was a period of three or four months after the armistice came into being in which benefits could still be accumulated?

The WITNESS: A period of three months, Mr. Green—a little over three months.

The CHAIRMAN: Carried.

Subclause 4.

Mr. GREEN: There you have a time limit of 12 months from the 31st of October, 1953. Why is that time limit made such a short period?

The WITNESS: Or, from the date of his discharge, Mr. Chairman, whichever is the later. That is the usual provision.

The CHAIRMAN: It is practically the same as in the Act, Mr. Green, section 7, subsection 3. The only difference is it gives a date in this Act and in the original Act it says: "Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, no allowance may be paid under this section unless application therefor is made by the veteran within twelve months after the date of termination of the war or the date of his discharge, whichever is the later date."

Mr. GREEN: Have you not found it necessary to extend the date?

The CHAIRMAN: That is the next subsection which reads as follows:

- (4) Where a veteran
- (a) was a patient or receiving any treatment from a hospital or health institution,
  - (b) was in receipt of an allowance for temporary incapacity under section 4, or
  - (c) has been delayed in entering business by reason of licensing or rationing laws or by reason of scarcity of the commodities or equipment required by him.

he shall have such additional time for applying for benefits under this section as is involved in the circumstances described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

Here in the bill instead of "termination of the war" we have the 31st of October, 1953.

Mr. GREEN: Has it not been the experience that the department has to go to parliament every year or so to get an extension of the deadline?

The CHAIRMAN: No, not in connection with this particular part of the Act.

Mr. GREEN: They have not?

The CHAIRMAN: No.

Mr. GREEN: Is it never extended at all?

The CHAIRMAN: No.